

Healthy Places Walkability Study Hilltop Neighborhood Pride

Columbus Public Health Healthy Places program is conducting walkability studies in the 2010 Neighborhood Pride areas. The goals of the walkability study are to increase neighborhood residents walking in their neighborhood and to identify destination places that are within walking distance. This will be done by walking with neighborhood residents to 1) identify positive places to walk in their neighborhood; 2) inventory barriers to pedestrians and bikers; and 3) identify neighborhood destinations.

Synopsis

Date	June 27, 2010
Community Participation	2 plus 2 city representatives and 2 mounted police
Distance Walked	1.9 miles
Weather	Sunny and hot

Neighborhood Findings

Neighborhood

Street

- North and south streets have sidewalks, east and west streets do not.
- Most streets have large trees and a few streets have beautiful medians.

Housing

- The foreclosure and absentee landlord issues have hit the area hard. Too many houses are vacant and abandoned with overgrown yards.
- All of the houses have great porches which allows people to watch over the street and talk with their neighbors.

Safety

- Neighbors report that people will not walk in the neighborhood after dark.
- Almost 50 percent of the area is renters and some residents do have the sense of belonging to a community.

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Great neighborhood street with street trees and well-maintained yards.



East and west streets in the neighborhood do not have sidewalks.



There is a high proportion of vacant and abandoned homes in the neighborhood.



Beautiful street median.

This report will be used to create walking maps through the neighborhood. The mile-marked maps will highlight neighborhood features, safe paths and destinations. The report will also be forwarded to City of Columbus departments that can assist neighborhoods in addressing their needs.

The mission of the Healthy Places program is to create places that foster physical activity as a part of everyday life. For more information, please contact Christine Godward Green, Healthy Places Coordinator at 645-5318 or CGGreen@columbus.gov.